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NOTICE

A plenary indulgence for Ours only has been granted for the feast of Regina Societatis Jesus, April 22, suetis sub conditionibus.

ALMA

Fr. Hagmann entertained five Australian soldiers, freed from German Concentration Camps, en route home.

Fr. Casey gave a slide lecture on scenes in the Holy Land.

Fr. O'Brien opened a weekly seminar in Canon Law on the privileges of Exempt Religious.

Jan. 29-Feb. 5. Fr. Duce visited the 4th year Fathers.

Jan. 22. Dr. Robert J. Kerner, History Professor at the Univ. of Calif., addressed the community on "The Post-War World and the Forces Which Are Shaping It."

In Los Angeles, Fr. Hilary Werts received his brother's Last Vows.

The 4th year Fathers have taken out their points for the Ad Grad.

Feb. 13. V. R. Fr. Robinson arrived for his annual visitation.

Chaplain Kines, (Md. Prov.), gave a short talk. Fr. P. Brooks, former Missouri Provincial, visited Alma twice. Fr. Erwin Toner stayed for a few days.

The brother of Mr. Ralph Sudmeier was killed in a plane crash in the Mississippi River, when seven minutes from his destination at Nashville.

Lt. Martin, brother of Mr. John Martin of Oregon, gave a talk about the Tarawa campaign, patrol and attack work over the Marshalls. The Marines, the Acorns and the Navy did the major fighting at Tarawa.

LOS ALTOS

Fr. Rice addressed the Oakland Council K. of C., on retreats for men in the armed forces.

Feb. 13. Fr. Stack was deacon at St. Paul's, San Francisco, for the Golden Jubilee of the League of the Cross Cadets.

Fr. Lynch spoke at the K. of C. Communion Breakfast in Merced.

Fr. Stack conducted the Forty Hours at St. Ignatius, San Francisco.

Fr. W. Deeney and Fr. McFadden are at Providence Hospital.

Retreatants.

Jan. 14. 41 laymen—5 servicemen.

Jan 20. 54 laymen—9 servicemen.

Jan. 28. 65 S. I. H. Seniors.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Feb. 23-Mar. 1. Provincial Visitation.

The "igloo" additions to the campus, painted to match the rest of the buildings, are ready for action.

Mr. Herman Wondra has been loaned to the high school, to help fill the gaps made in the faculty by sickness.

The Mothers' Guild put on a very successful party in the Blessed Sacrament parish hall, which Fr. McCoy generously donated for the occasion.

Every Friday noon, the civilian students attend Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, for the Loyola men in the service.

The death of Gerald Donnell in battle in the Mediterranean area, added the 14th gold star to Loyola's service flag.

Lt. Jack Normanly, one-time Loyolan, who has had three aircraft carriers sunk under him, visited the University on his way to San Francisco for hospitalization.

LOYOLA HIGH

Feb. 9-20. Provincial Visitation.

Messrs. Plushkell and Huesman have been in the hospital for virus pneumonia. After Extreme Unction ,the high fever left them, and they have gradually improved since then.

Mr. Herold from the Juniorate, and Messrs. Cayo and Wondra from Loyola University, are helping during the emergency.

Loyola High won two out of the four prizes in the K. of C. Essay Contest.

The 12th Annual Apologetical Contest, sponsored by Loyola High for the Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese, has selected as its theme: "Leadership of Catholic Youth," in the home, school, parish, and in social life, and in preventing juvenile delinquency.

During the Fourth War Bond Drive, Joseph Scott told our students that he was proud to be a "Flag Waver" in a country which has given us so much liberty.

The basketball team won the championship of the Catholic High Schools, and defeated 13 Public High Schools, including the winners of three divisional championships.

Fr. Donohue, who coached the varsity baseball team in 1936, is coaching the "B" baseball team. Sam Dagley, who played for Santa Clara in 1924-26, is coaching the varsity.

Since classes were overcrowded during the first semester, Fr. Von der Ahe has added another sophomore class. A goodly number of students was dropped for scholastic reasons. About 50 seniors left for college or for the armed forces. There are only two senior classes.

Service and honor ribbons are given to outstanding ROTC cadets, who may wear them, as do the regular Army men. The first semester credits were issued to members of the ROTC after a strict written examination. This is the first one required of the entire regiment.

Fr. Daniel Stack gave a triduum to ladies at Social Service Sisters.

Jan. 23. After working some weeks on the "Keys of the Kingdom," Fr. Albert O'Hara left for Washington.

Feb. 2. The Last Vows of Frs. Clement Conway, Alphonse Domachowski, and Clyde Werts, were pronounced at Blessed Sacrament, with Fr. Hilary Werts as celebrant. Fr. Clyde Werts was a guest at the Loyola High dinner, as the cafeteria army meals and the backless benches at the University interfere with community feasts.

Fr. Hubbard's lectures were a great success, netting some $3000 for the school. The Pasadena Auditorium with 3000 capacity was completely sold out. The Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, seating 6700, had about 4000 in the audience. Many saw their sons or relatives in the pictures and came backstage to express their pleasure.

Feb. 11. The Sodality held a Lourdes Dance at the Biltmore with 350 couples present. A grand march led to the crowning of Our Lady with flowers. At the end, the rosary was said in the darkened auditorium, and a candle was lighted and held by members of the Living Rosary, as each prayer was said.

LOS GATOS

Fr. Brooks, ex-provincial of the Missouri Province, made a ten-day visit.

Feb. 6. Fr. Hagemann lectured on Historical Research in the Society during the past fifty years.

Feb. 7-9. Fr. Kidykas, a Lithunian Jesuit from Philadelphia, stayed at the Novitiate. He had just finished a Mission for the Lithunians in Los Angeles.

Feb. 2-11. Fr. Collins gave an 8-day retreat to the Notre Dame Sisters at Saratoga.

A new statue of St. John Berchmans has been installed in a shrine begun over two years ago by Mr. O'Hanlon, and completed recently by Br. Fox.

The Franciscan Trail, leading from the lake, around the hill into the Dutchman's Canyon, is being widened with a bulldozer.

PHOENIX

Jan 24. Fr. Hubbard lectured.

Fr. Carroll O'Sullivan was greatly improved by his stay of some weeks.

Feb. 18-22. Fr. Assistant was at the rectory.

The Archbishop of Quebec wants to come for a month.

Fr. Monaghan is to remain as assistant for another year.

SANTA BARBARA

Fr. Leahy is on the Citizens' Committee for Social Agencies on the local War Chest Board. He was invited to give the invocation at the mid-year graduation of the public high school.

Fr. Sheerin has been very successful in local youth work. He has organized two chapters of the diocesan Chi Rho to keep a hold on pupils not attending Catholic schools.

"Released Time" started Feb. 28, with Fr. Sheerin in charge of instruction for Catholic public school children.

During the Forty Hours conducted by Fr. Sheerin, many of his new groups attended the special "Youths' Eucharistic Evening."

Feb. 23-25. Fr. White gave the high school retreat.

Feb. 27. Fr. White conducted a day of recollection for the Ladies' Sodality.

Feb. 27. Fr. Laherty spoke at all the Masses on the Jesuit Seminary Association.

By request, Fr. Bassett attended the funeral of one of his former altar boys, killed in a military aviation accident.

Lenten Courses: Sundays, Fr. Callahan on ISO program. Wednesdays, Fr. Brolan.

Fr. Brolan gave a day of recollection to the nurses at St. John's Hospital, Oxnard.

Fr. Ray Buckley spent some time recuperating in the lovely Santa Barbara weather.

SANTA CLARA

During the ASTU term beginning March 13, there will be 50 students less, leaving the total enrollment at 338.

March 11. Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Exercises for nine civilian engineers who have completed the course.

A complete new roof has been put on Kenna Hall.

Fr. Moore spoke to the trainees of the ASTU about his experiences and travels.

Fr. Wilfred Crowley returned to the University for a visit and to make his retreat before going to the Harvard Chaplains' School. He spoke to the Sodality on the life of an army chaplain.

Fr. Hagemann is to address the Sodality on the past persecutions of the Church in Japan.

At its last meeting in Cincinnati, the Association of American Colleges admitted Santa Clara to membership.

Dr. Gerlach, completely recovered from his recent illness, has returned to his duties of daily visiting physician.

After a detailed military inspection of the mess facilities, the only defect noticed by the inspecting officers was a small cobweb in one of the rooms.

A sum of money bequeathed to the University by two recently deceased friends, has been set aside as the nucleus of an endowment for the Varsi Library.

Due to Fr. Schmidt and Mr. Fischer, the combined choir and glee club were able to present a musical program for the Catala Club. Two ASTU students, a flutist and his piano accompanist, also contributed to the entertainment.

Fr. McMahon gave a 5-day Mission at Moffett Field, where he is auxiliary chaplain.

Fr. Kropp returned to Santa Clara in late January; he is studying at Stanford.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fr. Peter Dunne visited the Paraguay Reductions on the upper Parma River. In December he saw the magnificent ruins of Reduction San Ignacio; also the Iguigu Falls, the Niagara of South America. At a gathering under the auspices of the National Academy of History, at Buenos Aires, he read a paper in Spanish on the Jesuit Missions, and was made a corresponding member of the Academy.

Fr. Stern reports for 1943, 203 baptisms, of which 88 were adult; and 1657 last sacraments.

Feb. 11. Mr. Howard Newport died suddenly. He was Fr. Cody's driver on errands of mercy with food and clothing for the poor.

The advancing of the examination date for the high school seniors, so that they might make a retreat at El Retiro, caused the Province Prefect of Studies to repeat Paul Revere's midnight ride in bringing the papers to San Francisco for the next morning's examination.

Another 1000 stars have been added to the service flag in the church, giving a total of 2825. There are 28 gold stars.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Wilfred Crowley returned in February to the States, and went to the Harvard Chaplains' Training School. He looks ten years younger.

Fr. Carr's ship was missed by the torpedo aimed at it overseas.

Fr. Bradstreet is a Captain. We suppose that he has gone overseas.

Fr. Sullivan heard confessions on Xmas Eve till 11:55 p.m. The Midnight Mass was celebrated on the quarter deck. The Xmas Carols were sung by a double quartet of officers and men, only two of whom were Catholics. The carols were repeated at the 8:30 Mass. The subject and thoughts of the Xmas sermon came from "Victory"—on Xmas away from home. Our chaplain meets many Jesuit chaplains.

Fr. Giambastiani has been transferred to Panama. The modern and beautiful station hospital would do credit to a large city. His post resembles a college campus with its vast lawns and splendid buildings. The dry season was on, and it was raining! In Panama City there are four Fathers and two Brothers who remember Ours who studied in Spain.

Fr. Ray McGrorey became a Captain on Dec. 18th. At Midnight Mass the tent was crowded with 178. Father brought a lot of happiness with the soldiers' Xmas presents for the orphans

at the Good Shepherds'. At the time of writing he expected shortly to see Fr. Copeland. He gave a farewell dinner to the French Jesuits, buying all the food, before he left for Italy.

Fr. Deasy is in constant contact with men who have been in the service and are returning to it. Survivors from sunk ships await assignment to other ships. There are many earnest confessions. Coal is burned on his ship, and coal is loaded into ships round about. If th port hole is left open at night, the face is black in the morning. The summer uniform is white!

Fr. Gaffney is building a $21,000 cement brick chapel for his men.

Fr. William Hanley was with Fr. Vincent O'Sullivan for his Vow Day. Fr. Hanley explained the different parts of the Mass over KWK, while a fellow chaplain sang High Mass. Later he had to submit his own sermon for censorship, and so write it out, as his own Low Mass was to be explained over KWK. Fr. McShane will give a Mission to his boys during Lent.

Fr. Kavanagh's new chapel in the South Seas contains more mahogany than all the churches in San Francisco combined. It measures 70x30 feet. It has a good coral floor, and tarpaulin overhead. The Sunday congregation is made up equally of Army and Navy. Dail Mass and the presence of the Blessed Sacrament mean very much to the chaplain.

It is impossible to hear all the confessions; on account of the danger of death, general absolution is given before Mass. No more than one-third go to Communion.

The mechanics have a 12-hour day and a 7-day week; they must work hard and constantly on the rolling stock. They did not come to Mass, until the chaplain went into the shop, commandeered a work-bench for an altar, and said Mass for them.

In an attack the chaplain goes up front through the jungle, in the pitch dark, to give conditional absolution to all the casualties. Then back to the receiving station for the anointings. When a bomb's approach is heard, the men drop to the coral floor which is sharp and jagged. The chaplain is cut and bleeding on his return to the receiving station. The men are glad to have the chaplain with them, but they do not show it.

VARIA

Feb. 23. V. R. Fr. Assistant arrived in Los Angeles.

Theologians' Trid., Apr. 22p-26a, Fr. Dan Lord.

Juniors' Retreat in June, Fr. Wm. Dunne.

May 2-8, Provincials' Meeting at El Retiro.

At St. Bernardine's, Fr. Bassett reports a 6:30 p.m. Mass attended by 400 service men and women, and 400 defense workers. Feb. 8, Fr. Connors left for New England, a regular chaplain took over his work. 800 Italian prisoners have been brought from Tunisia to do salvage and agricultural work. They attend Mass very well; 350 of one group of 400, were present.

Fr. Godden has been appointed assistant at St. Didacus, San Diego.

Br. George Feltes has been seriously ill in the Fairbanks Hospital.

The degree of Magister Aggregatus was conferred on Fr. Tiblier, S.J., of Spring Hill. The Gregorian University authorized the examination at St. Louis and empowered St. Louiis University to award the degree. This seems the first granting of this degree away from Rome.

OLD MEN ON OUR DEATH LIST

Fr. Drathman compiled the following list of men who were 80 or above, at death, and who had been 58 years or more in the Society:

	Age	Soc.	Date Death
Fr. Cichi	92	73	Jan. 3, 1916
Fr. Cataldo	92	76	Apr. 9, 1928
Fr. Palladino	91	72	Aug. 19, 1927
Fr. Joset	90	70	Jun. 19, 1900
Fr. Diomedi	90	72	Dec. 3, 1932
Br. De Kock	90	62	May 17, 1917
Br. Carfagno	89	68	Aug. 11, 1922
Fr. Turrell	89	66	Oct. 26, 1938
Fr. Mazetti	89	70	Feb. 13, 1923
Fr. Raggio	88	70	Dec. 24, 1931
Br. Weyringer	84	58	Jan. 28, 1906
Fr. Caredda	84	68	May 14, 1903
Fr. Brunengo	83	68	Feb. 28 1919
Fr. Feusi	82	63	Jan. 23, 1933
Fr. Riordan	80	64	Jan. 23, 1937

DEATHS

Jan. 30. Fr. Tim Driscoll, Spokane.
Feb. 28. Fr. Jos. Georgen, Spokane.

Major John Hurley, brother-in-law of Fr. John Martin was killed in Italy.

Father of Mr. Newport.

In a plane crash, brother of Mr. Sudmeier.

Mother of Fr. Tim Murphy.